farmers and to protect them against such arbitrariness and exploitation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) No such specific information has been received.

(c) and (d) As per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, the subject of land falls under the purview of State Government, and therefore, it is for the State Governments to bring about suitable legislation in this regard. However, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources has formulated the National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation of Project s Affected Families — 2003 (NPRR-2003), which has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) and has been circulated to concerned Ministries/Departments and to the State Governments for its adoption.

Crop loss due to heavy rains and hailstorms

2731. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States whose farmers were affected due to heavy rains and hailstorms in the recent past;

(b) the State-wise damage to standing crops in areas due to the said hailstorms; and

(c) whether Government are going to provide any relief package for the farmers who have faced heavy damage of their standing crops and the State-wise details, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Government of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh reported damage to crops due to rains and hailstorms during February and March, 2007.

(b) State-wise details of crop area affected, as reported by the State/as per available information, is indicated below:

State	Crop area affected
Haryana	5.78 lakh acres
Madhya Pradesh	1.74 lakh hectares
Punjab	2.15 lakh acres
Rajasthan	2.85 lakh hectares
Uttarakhand	1.54 lakh hectares
Uttar Pradesh	4.12 lakh hectares

(c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including hailstorm. There is ready availability of funds with the States under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to take necessary measures. Additional assistance, over and above CRF, is considered from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), if necessary, for natural calamities of severe nature, in accordance with an established procedure, on submission of a Memorandum for assistance from the NCCF by the State Government. The Government of Haryana had submitted a Memorandum seeking assistance from the NCCF,. in the wake of hailstorm. However, it was assessed that the requirements, as per existing norms, could be met from the funds available in the CRF and the State Government have been advised accordingly. No other State Government mentioned above have so far submitted and Memorandum for assistance from the NCCF in the wake of recent hailstorms.

Export and import of sugar

2732. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

.(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed conditional export of two million tonnes of sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;